MAY SELL ALL

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

thermometer at The Times office ysterday: 9 A. M., 76; 12 M., 80; 3 P. M., 74; 6 P. M., 70; 9 P. M., 68; 12 P. M., 60. Average, 72.6.

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CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Eloquent Address of Rev. Dr. FINAL EXERCISES W. E. Evans.

IRON CROWN OF LOMBARDY

Lessons from its Iron and Gold-Encircled Bands.

THE SINGING OF THE CHORUS

Songs Greatly Please the Large Audience-The Chorus is Repeatedly Encored-Dixie and Bonnie Blue Flag Aroused Enthusiasm. Mr. Mercer Congratulated - Recitations.

The exercises making the twenty-eighth annual commencement of the Richmond High School, held last night at the Ma High School, held last hight at the sonic Temple, were notably beautiful, and in the highest measure creditable to the splendid institution which for a generation has served the city with increasing success and usefulness.

It in no fashion detracts from the completeness of previous High School

the completeness of previous High School occasions of this character to record the fact that the exercises of last night in attractiveness and interest surpassed

them all.

That the young people were pleased with the success and beauty of their graduating exercises, goes without saying the success and the success are successed. More than one of those whose graduation days are somewhat more remote than they now confess, left the all with the comment that they had never been present at com-mencement exercises more attractively planned or more tastifully executed.

planned or more tastifully executed.

The features of the occasion, apart fror the happiness of tresh young faces, and the congratulations of cousins and mothers and aunts, who had come from all parts of the city to be present at the graduation of some boy or girl, who is the center and the hope of a Richmond home somewhere were the address. mond home somewhere, were the address es of Rev. W. E. Evans D. D., and th singing of the chorus of High Schoo girls, trained and led by Mr. Walter C

DR. EVANS' ADDRESS.

In the selection of Dr. Evans, no mistake was made. This eloquent and attractive speaker is peculiarly happy in his addresses upon occasion of this character. Those who had heard him upon acter. Those who had heard him upon acters commencements agreed last previous commencements agreed las night, that he was at his best. In the night, that he was at his osset. In the selection and development of his theme, he had been mindful that his address would be delivered to young people for the most part. In materials and delivery it was splendidly moulded into accord and harmony with the occasion, and

In return he received the speaker's most complete reward, the close and undi-vided interest and attention of his audi The flowers and the dainty dresses and the diplomas were for a time for gotten, and the story of the Iron Crown of Lombardy and the lessons drawn from s gold encircled band of iron were fol lowed, as Dr. Evans, after a very grace-ful and opportune "preamble," as he wa pleased to style it in the words of ansymbol of regal authority.

SPLENDID CHORUS SINGING.

know of the character and thoroughness of the musica ltraining which the young ople of the High School have received at the hands of their instructor, Mr. Walter C. Mercer. If there remained any doubting ones in or out of the City School Board who were still shaking their heads over the city's modest expenditure for music in the schools, the time of their conversion came last night. The singing of the High School chorus was well worth considerable inconvenience to hear. Apart from its mechanical technical excellence—and for these Mercer's name is a sufficient guaranteethere was a life and spirit in the rendering of the old songs that Virginia au-diences always love to hear that might have been lacking in music technically correct. Encore after encore expressed the pleasure and enjoyment with which these young musicians' offerings to the evening's programme were received. Mercer and his chorus deserve the highest praise for the evidences the evening furnished of the thoroughness and ex-cellence of their work. GENEROUSLY APPLAUDED.

The opening numbers of the programme were well received and highly merited the generous applause which they received. Miss Elva Stevens read an essay on "Success." Miss Ollie Timberiake delivered an oration on "The Dream of Greatness," Miss Bessie Sutton's recitation was entitled "A Solemn Occasion," that of Miss Laura McCabe "Street Mustal of Miss Laura of Miss Laura of Miss Laura of Mi that of Miss Laura McCabe "Street Musicians," and that of Miss Lelia Lacy "Managing a Mule."

On the programme three songs had been arranged for the High School chorus—
"Hey, Ho, Hey," "Hark, the Sound of Evering Bells" and "Blow, Soft Winds"—
but it was called back again and again, and the audience was greatly delighted with other songs as well, among them

the old songs of the South-"Dixie,"
"The Bonnie Blue Flag" and others.
The following young ladies were members of the chorus: Misses Winnie Lee. Beulah Robins, Lucy Lee, Edna L. Wall, Nannie Hall, oulse Grady, Evelyn Haller, Mary McFayden, Lyle King, Allie Le Penick, Mary Bluford, Ollie Quarles, Florence Brown, Anna Nelsen, Viola Diacont, Norma H. McNiven, Louise Schooler, Clara Masserschmidt, Lucie Tatum, Belle Block, Lelia Clowes, Annie Kendler, Maybel C. Wyler, Ada rFirg, Hazelle Shackelford, Dora Garrison, Effie Finsley, Nannie West, Brent Witt, Mattle Stagg, Jessie Stagg, Elizebeeth Will-ingham. Bettie Watt, Effie Prosser, Lorena Mason, Alice Owens, Mary Stein-Lorena Mason, Alice Owens, Mary Serly, lein, Mary Washee, Margaret Daugherty, Langhorne Cosby, velyn Glenn, Leisa Archer, Maria Hartung, Marie Taylor, usle-McCarthy, Lucy McCarthy, Monica Farrow, Wina Newman, Mittie Points, 14ly Parker, Alice Taylor, Lizzie Hall, Mary Lee, Edith Hewitt and Myrtle

A feature of the exercises was the presentation of a beautiful gold medal to the pupil of the public schools who presented the best essay on some Revolutionary hero or heroine. This medal is given by the Old Dominion Chapter. Daughter American Revolution, and

IN VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

One Hundred and Twentieth at Washington and Lee.

JAMES LANE ALLEN SPEAKS

Prizes at the University of Virginia for the Best Essays-The Albert Sidneys Win the Boat Race at Lexington-Polytechnic Institute.

LEXINGTON, VA., June 16.-Wasning on and Lee University began the ending of the one hundred and twentieth year of her history with the baccalaureate sermon in the Lee Memorial Chapel Sunday morning by President E. Y. Mullins. D. D., L.L. D., of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky. In the evening in Lee Memorial Chapel to a large audience the annual address before the Young Men's Christian Association was delivered by Rev. William Nelson Scott, D. D., of Staunton, Va. At both services a trained choir, com-posed of Miss Sallie Preston, Miss Bettie

Glasgow, sopranos; Mrs. Reid White, contralto; Prof. A. L. Nelson, tenor; Captain S. B. Walker, Jr., Dr. Louis K. Walz, bassos; Mrs. Andrew D. Estill, or-ganist, rendered choice selections of an-

ORATORICAL CONTEST. ORATORICAL CONTEST.
The annual contest for the handsome gold medal given by Washington and Lee University to the best orator who is a member of either the Graham-Lee or Washington Literary Society, took place to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University. The name of the winner is withheld until announced by the president of the University Wednesday gradent of the gra dent of the University Wednesday, grad-uating day. The orators and their sub-cities were: Samuel Andrew Witherspoon (Graham-Lee Society), of Meridian, Miss., subject, "Martin Luther at the Diet of Thomas Campbell Wilson Washington Society), of Brownsburg,

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YOUNG GHRISTIANS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Suspicious Opening of Young Woman's Christian Association; Students Gathering

(By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 16.—The Young Woman's Christian Association of the Southern States and the Young Men's Christian Association of the Southern conference of students began their business sessions here to-day. At the introductory service of the Young Woman's Christian Association addresses were made by Miss Rutherford, of Lucy Cobb Christian Association addresses were made by Miss Rutherford, of Lucy Cobb Institute, Athens, Ga., and chairman of the Southern Conference Committee; Miss ing, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Virginias; Mrs. K. G. Buford, representing the Execu tive Committee of Tennessee, and others. Two hundred delegates are in attendance, representing the entire South.

To-night Miss Helen 2. Barnes, of

the City Department of the American Committee, spoke on the extension de-partment of the work.

A large and representative body Southern college students is attending the Young Men's Christian Association Con-ference. General Field Scretary H. K. Anderson is in charge of the conference, assisted by S. W. acGill, State secretary of Tennessee, Mr. Walker, of Virginia, assisted in the business depart-

A number of prominent workers, including Dr. Robert E. Speer, Rev. William F. McDowell, of New 10rk, and Rev. John Timothy Stone, of Baltimore, will deliver addresses before the conference. The two confrences will hold a ten days' session.

Evans, station director of the Weather Bureau, will be worth a million dollars

to farmers in the State. Crops, which

have been feeling the parching hand of the drought, will gather new life, and tobacco and wheat and corn and the

other agricultural products will begin to

flourish again. The additional precipita-tion which is expected will only go to make the condition still more favorable.

While the downpour was exceptionally heavy for a while, it is hardly thought that it will result in producing any high water in James River at this place. Re-

ports had not been received last night from the different weather bureau sta-

tions along the watershed. At 7 o'clock the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway had information to the effect that the river

at Columbia was ten feet high and was falling; this would indicate that there will be no appreciable rise here.

A HEAVY DOWNFOUR.

It looked to the uninitiated, however, as if enough water come out of the sky into Richmond yesterday afternoon to flood any river on the face of the earth.

For two mortal hours it came down in sheets, and while farmers or those in-terested in the outcome of the crops were sitting at home surveying the scene with

great satisfaction and calmly congratulat-

ing themselves, ordinary human beings on the outside were floating around dis-consolately. Umbrellas were utterly us-

WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS

Rain-Water Came Down in Torrents

for Two Hours.

The heavy rainfall of yesterday was less, for such rain as didn't come through quite general throughout Virginia, and, according to the estimate of Mr. W. E. cars were tied up for one reason or an-

Severe Storm Causes Death and Does Great Damage.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, GA., June 16.—A terri-fic wind, rain and electrical storm and considerable damage at auchland, situated tourty-nine miles from here on the Seaboard Air Line, this afternoon.

J. M. Hurley, a peach merchant, was instantly killed by lightning. 11e was packing peaches under a shed at the time and his wife, who was near

him, was severely shocked.

The stores of Layfield & Bell, W. E. Etheridge, B. E. Mayo, T. S Chappelle and the large Clegg building were unroofed and their stocks almost ruined

roofed and their stocks almost ruined by wind and water.

The new school dormitory, a negro academy, the Methodist Church, the new Christian Church, the new resi-dence of Edward Woodward were blown to the ground, besides numer-ous small houses and shops, and trees were uprooted and gardens and crops are ruined. The peach crop suffered greatly.

AN INSANE NEGRO ESCAPES FROM JAIL

Pecks His Way Through a Two-Foot Wall With a Pine Stick.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) KEYSVILLE, VA., June 16 .- Albert Cousins, who was examined for lunacy two weeks ago, and was confined in Lunenburg county jail waiting for the necessary papers to take him to the asylum, made his escape Friday night by pecking through a brick wall two feet thick with no other implement than an ordinary pine stoke of wood. stick of wood.

Hon. Carter Glass, one of the candidates Hon. Carter Glass, one of the candidates for Congress from the Sixth District, spent Saturday in town making the acquaintance of the people here and urged upon them his claims to Congress. He made a favorable impression upon all with whom he met, and will carry this precinct solidly, and from present prospects will no doubt sweep the county by an overwhelming majority.

an overwhelming majority.

Mr. C. A. Hunt is again at home after spending some time in Southwest Vir-

Herbert J. Morton, a student of H. S. College, is at his home for vacation.

Dr. Thompson Morton, of Lunenburg

Dr. Thompson Morton, of Lunenburg Courthouse, spent last night at his old home, "Morton Hall."

Misses Lev and Robson, teachers at the Virginia Home School, will return to their Alabama homes to-day. It is said they will not return next session. Their many friends will regret this, as they have rendered themselves very popular here.

CANDIDATES ON GOOD BEHAVIOR

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1902.

Lamb and Wallace Meet in Goochland.

WERE NOT VERY BITTER

Did Not Repeat the Chesterfield Performance.

BOTH GOOD HAND-SHAKERS

Candidates Worked Hard All Day in the Steady Rain and Were Cheered by Their Followers-One Faction

for Lamb, the Other for Wallace-Interesting

(Staff Correspondence.) GOOCHLAND C. H., VA., June 16 .-Congressman John Lamb and Mr. Jefferson Wallace met in joint debate here to day before about an average sized cour

day crowd. Sentiment was evidently divided, and Sentiment was evidently divided, and both the speakers were liberally applauded by their respective friends. Captain Lamb was presented by ex-Scnator F. M. Parrish in highly complimentary terms, while Commonwealth's Attorney David H. Leake introduced Mr. Wallace as the next Congressman from the Third District.

Mr. Wallace came up yesterday and spent the night with friends near the courthouse. He was early upon the ground to-day, conferring with his lead-Captain Lamb arrived here a little after

captain Lamo arrived nere a little after if clock to-day, and he and Mr. Wallace both put in good time shaking hands and talking with their friends until court adjourned and they were given the court house. courthouse.
RAINED ALL DAY.
Rain fell steadily from about 11 o'clock

but so very dry was the ground that there was no tobacco planting season to keep the voters at home, so they were out in large numbers to greet the congressional aspirants.

The situation here is a peculiar one, as regards the congressional race. The Democratic party in Goochland has long been divided into bitter factions, and for many years they have lined up on oppo-site sides in every primary campaign. The present struggle is no exception, and to-day Mr. Wallace had the earnest

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Five Lives Are Lost As

(By Associated Press.)
BARRE VT., June 16.—In addition to great property damage caused by a cloudburst over this section late last night five railroad men lost their

at Bolton was destroyed, and a saw-mill, together with the house adjoin-ing, was demolished in the town of Middlesex. One hundred thousand feet of logs were carried away.

NOT TO BE LIVELY,

Every Indication That Illinois Convention Will Follow Con-

(By Associated Press.)
SPRINFIELD, ILL, June 16.—There is every indication that the Democratic every indication that the Democratus State Convention, which meets here to-morrow, will be one of the most con-servative Democratic conventions held servative Democratic conventions held in this State in recent years. Many delegates are here who have not attended a State gathering of the party in eight to ten years, and there is among them a strong disposition to steer wide of sensationalism. It is practically certain that there will be nothing in the platform favoring W. J. Bryan or free silver. Among the men opposed to declarations on these points are some men who have been in the past enthusiastic partisans of the man from Lincoln. of the man from Lincoln.

been in the past enthusiastic partisans of the man from Lincoln.

The convention will declare hotly against "government by injunction." and it is expected that the platform will contain a ringing provision to that effect. Samuel Alschuler has been slated for the chairmanship of the Committee on Resolutions. He has declared that he does not care for an endorsement for United States Senator, and the present feeling of the delegates is that no action will be taken in this direction in favor of any-body. There is considerable indecision, however, on this point, and the sentiment may change decidedly. The purpose of the convention is to nominate candidates for State treasurer and a number of less important offices. The nomination of Millara F. Dunlap, of Jacksonville, for State treasurer, is regarded as certain.

Result of Cloudburst.

servative Lines

lives by a freight train on the Central Vermont Railroad running into a washout at Middlesex.

The dead include the conductor, en-gineer and fireman and two brakemen. The train consist. O. a loco-motive and twelve cars. Passing through Middlesex it was running at a fair rate of speed, when it struck a ditch washout by a torrent of waa ditch washout by a torrent of warter. The locomotive leaped into the
ditch and the freight cars piled up
on top of it. The trainmen were
buried under the ruins.

The cloudburst caused a great ceal
of other damage. The railroad bridge

BUT FAR FROM IT

LOUIS DISBROW

ARMED COAL MINERS

GO ON LONG MARCH Their Guns Taken from Them and They Proceed Peaceably.

RANKS REACH SIX HUNDRED

Some Miners Leave Nearly Every Pass ing Point, but No Serious Results are Anticipated-The Anthracite Strike Drags Along.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BLUEFIELD, W. VA., June 16.—Ac ording to the programme of the agitafors to-day was to be the crucial day of the strike in the Flat Top field. Sunday mass-meetings were held at the various operations and the speakers urged upon the miners the advisability of joining

the ranks of the strikers. In several instances the agitators pre dicted dire results if the miners did not quit work.

One outgrowth of Sunday's meeting One outgrowth of Sunday's meeting was a march on the part of the striking miners. The marc on was organized on Simmons Creek. One hundred and thirty men and boys, about tarrty-five of whom carried Winchester rifles. They proceeded towards the Mill Creek operation above Mill Creek and Coaldale, where they were met by officers of the law, accompanied by a labor leader.

MINERS DISARMED.

They were told by the officers that

MINERS DISARMED.

They were told by the officers that they could go no further on the railroad property unless they decarded their guns. The labor leader advised them to do this, and his advice was followed. Up to this time it seems firearms have been much in evidence, and intimidation methods were employed to frighten non-union

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ALL SORTS LABOR TROUBLEIN NORFOLK

Painters Send Strong Delegation. The Plumbers and Contractors at Odds.

NOROLFK, VA., June 16.—A delegation of Norfolk navy yard painters, headed by Hon. George E. Bowden and Charles T. Hon. George E. Bowden and Charles T. Bland, and accompanied by Senator Martin and Representative Maynard, will next Wednesday wait upon the Sceretary of the Navy to present the painters' protest against the proposition to disrate them at the yard by employing first-class men on second-class work at second-

class men's pay.

The men have practically struck, as they say they will resign in preference to

disrating themselves.

The journeymen plumbers of Norfolk, numbering between fifty and seventy-five men, unanimously refused to go to the series which which the strike which five men, unanimously refused to go to work this morning, and the strike, which has been anticipated for some days, is on in earnest. The master plumbers appear to be standing firm in their refusal to dispense with the helper, as the journeymen demand they shall do, and the outlook at present is that the strikers and their employers will fight it out until one or the other tires.

The hod-carriers, who asked for an advance in wages, apparently secured what

vance in wages, apparently secured what they wanted, and are at work to-day as

There is continued friction between the journeymen carpenters and their em-ployers. To-day the thirteen men em-ployed by the Builders Manufacturing company quit work because the company rcreased the working hours from nine ten daily.

· LOCAL.

State yesterday; small streams rose rapidly.
Captain Lamb and Mr. Wallace met in joint debate at Goochland Courthouse.
Colored woman in Manchester thinks she was given poisoned whiskey.
Lieutenast John W. Starke to be tried by court-martial to-day.
Mr. T. A. Weller acquitted on a technicality, but the Commonwealth's attorney will draw another indictment.
Members of the Council meet in conference to-night to nominate officers.
Rev. Mr. Downman in his sermon on Sunday commented upon the falling off. in the attendance upon church services.
Death yesterday of Mr. Montgomery West.

UP AGAINST THE REAL THING West. Body of Mr. B. L. Winston buried in

VIRGINIA.

The striking miners march in the coat fields with Winchesters, but are disarmed and proceed peaceably.

Mr. Caton, of Alexandria, says he would bitterly fight any attack on the "jim crow" law as applied to the Mt. Vernon

Crow' law as applied to the Mt. Vernon Railway.

James Lane Allen addresses the literary societies at the University of Virginia.

The Albert Sydneys won the boat race at Lexington. Interesting commencement

News.
The Hygeia Hotel to be moved to a heach near Old Point.
A man drowned in the Appointation near Petersburg.

GENERAL.

King Edward suffers a chill from exposure, but recovers rapidly and returns to Windsor.

Loss of life and great property damage at Earre, Vt. and Columbus, Ga., from dibursts and a fi water.
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KING RECOVERS FROM CHILL AND PROCEEDS TO WINDSOR. poral John Walker second lieutenant of

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 16 .- King Edward, who was attacked yesterday by lumbago, following a chill contracted while reviewing the troops at Aldershot, passed a good night and is much better. The King and Queen left Aldershot at 4:15 this after-noon for Windsor in a motor car. The King showed little trace of his recent ill-

Their Majesties arrived at Wind-King Edward bore the journey to Windor well, but it has been decided that he will not go to Ascot to-morrow. Queen Alexandra, however, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family, will attend

the races in state.

The chill came as a result of the King's prolonged stay outdoors at the torchlight tattoo at Aldershot. The weather was cold and it rained at intervals before the royal couple left the brigade recreation ground. King Ed-ward returned to his apartments chilled from the unwonted exposure.

Spoiled Review of Troops.

ALDERSHOT, ENGLAND, June 16.— The indisposition of King Edward and the incessant downpour of rain, combined to effectually spoil the grand re-view of troops here to-day. The King did not leave the royal pavilion and was represented by the Prince of Wales, who

them came under. Some of the street cars were tied up for one reason or an-other, and for some time couldn't turn

a wheel. Telephone wires were more or

less in a jumble, probably due to the

The fact is though, that these little in-

the larger effect of the storm will be vastly beneficial. For days past the land has lain in the blighting grip of a

drought, and visiting farmers told gloomy tales of crops which were being burned up and of planting which they couldn't do. The condition was really extremely serious, and on all sides came

statements that if it didn't rain, and rain quick, it would be all up with the farm-

ers and the growing crops. Small wonder then that the downpour of yesterday, which was general throughout the State, was halled as a blessing. It came down heavily, but not too much so for the

withered plants, which can now lift up their tops again and grow. Farmers can now go on farming feeling secure in the belief that for the present their to-

HAVE COOLER WEATHER.

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conveniences are but an incident and that

rode to the samung point, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught and a bril-liant staff, comprising several Indian princes, the military attaches, Lord Robprinces, the military attaches, Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief and the headquarters' staff. Queen Alexandra drove to the parade ground in a closed carriage with the Princess of Wales and the Princess Victoria. In other carriages at the saluting point were the Duchess of Connaught and many of the notabilities who are visiting England. More than 32,000 rain-soaked troops More than 32,000 rain-soaked troops marched past the heir to the throne.

ARE NOT LIKELY TO AGREE

Republican Senators Far Apart on Question of Reciprocity. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 16.—It is still the purpose of the Republican members of the Committee on Cuban Relations to hold a meeting to-morrow for the pur-pose of conferring upon the question of Cuban reciprocity and whether there shall be a caucus of Republican senators will depend upon the decision of the majority of the members of that committee. If they decide finally upon a bill and ask that a caucus be called to pass upon it, the call will be issued and the caucus probably will be held Wednesday.

There is some feeling against a caucus on the part of the Repu acan senators who support the reciprocity plan, and on account of this sentiment there is a grov ing probability that no caucus will be held. No one doubts that the reciprocity advocates would be in the majority in a Republican caucus, but the minority TO FARMERS OF THE STATE

neid. No one doubts that the reciprocity advocates would be in the majority in a Republican caucus, but the minority would be sufficiently numerous to show a serious division.

It is the wish of the leaders to avoid this exhibition if possible. The beet sugar men show no disposition to weaken. They held a conference last night and again pledged themselves to stand solidly against the Senate bill. They say as a result of that conference that there are no fewer than nineteen Republican senators who will announce in the caucus, if one is held, that they will vote against the bill for a reduction of the tariff. There are some who are not willing to vote for the House bill with the Morris amendment included, but others say they will do so if pressed to that extremity.

They continue to strongly urge the rebate proposition as a compromise and they claim that their compact is firmer than ever before. This is Mr. Evans' Estimate of the Value of Yesterday's

FARMVILLE AFFAIRS.

Election Ordered in Connection With Supscription to New Railroad.

FARMVILLE, VA., June 16—The Town Council has ordered an election to be held July 15th to take the sense of the qual-July 15th to take the sense of the qual-ified voters of the town as to whether the town shall subscribe to not less than \$40,000 worth of stock in the Charlotte Farmville and James River Valley Railrarmville and James River Valley Rall-way Company, which was recently in-corporated and granted a charter for the construction of a line between kosney, Buckingham county, to Danville, Va.

bacco, their corn, their wheat, their everything else are saved. The estimate of Mr. Evans is probably a conservative Another benefit of the rain will operate not upon crops, but upon people. The effectual cooling of the atmoshere is a the company. The company now has its full quota of officers.

Messrs. George E. Cox and J. A. Arnistead's residences are nearing comple-

One of the longest droughts ever ex-perienced in this section was broken yes-terday afternoon by a steady and refreshing rain.

The crops are in very bad condition-in

fact only about 20 per cent, have been planted, and a best portion of that is a failure, which is due to the excessive The wheat crop is almost a total failure.

county, Va., a crowd of drunken men went to a country church where religious services were being held. They became involved in a row wi... a man named Nowlin, and he sought shelter inside the building. They threw stones at the building, breaking up the services. Several stones were hurled through the windows, two women being struck and severely injured. The greatest excitement was caused. Rev. Mr. Cook, the naintster, sought safety behind his pulpit, the congregation stampeded, women and the congregation stampeded, women and thisten screamed and several fainted. The crowd left the scene unmolested, but

Bombarded the Church. ROANOKE, VA., June 16 .- Yesterday merning at Long Branch, in Franklin Va., a crowd of drunken men

Three afterwards returned but appearances indicate that a general strike of the carpenters may occur shortly. warrants will be issued for their ar-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS

The Beet Sugar Senators are Standing Like a Stone Wall and the President on Verge of a Regular Backdown in Regard to His Cuban Message.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.-From ertain talk among the Republican leaders in the Senate this morning and certain occurrences at the White House, it seems now clearly understood that President Roosevelt is on the verge of a clean back down on the Cuban reciprocity bill. Not only will he back down, it is said, but he wil lendeavor in doing so to throw the burden of the proposed plan for relieving Cuba on the shoulders of the late President McKinley by declaring that the defeat on reciprocity would not be a defeat of his own proposition; that he has no particular pride in it nor ambition for it himself, but was supporting it as a heritage from President McKinley. He will not trouble with more confer-

morning. Rev. Mr. Thompson officiating. The truth is Teddy is cutting a few eye teeth, and from being a riotous Rough ville Cemetery.

The following were the pall-bearers:
Active-Messrs. L. J. Verser. P. H. C. Rice, C. C. Fleming, S. W. Paulett, Sr., W. E. England and George Cox.
Honorary-Messrs. B. L. Anderson, W. Honorary-Messrs. B. L. Anderson, W. P. Gilliam, J. A, Scott and Dr. Peter Winston.

The Farmville Guards have elected Cor
Morning, Rev. Mr. Thompson officiating.
The truth is Teddy is cutting a few eye teeth, and from being a riotous Rough field in the farm to refrain from pressing Cuban tariff legislation any further at this session, so the matter will doubtless be dropped and in the session. This will be a complete back down for Republican boy of the machine made type, who will do just what those older Republican boys in the Senate tell him to do.

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The truth is Teddy is cutting a few eye teen known to be guilty of, and it will probably prove the initial one of a number of instances in which he will succumb to the stubbornness of the Senate tell him to do.

All this, it is said, is the result of a conference held by the beet sugar Senative lines.

tors last night, after which they let it be understood that the President's mes-age had in nowise affected their atti-tude on the question. There were Unitreen Senators present and five proxies, and they found that not one of their number was weakening.

Their position is simply this: They are fighting for their political lives, for it they allow legislation to pass that will ruin the beet sugar industry their constituencies will leave no stoke unturned to accomplish the defeat of Senators and Percentatives also. Moreover, it has

Representatives also. Moreover, it has been an open secret all along that few if any of the Senators who were apparently acting with the administration really cared anything for the passage of the twenty per cent, reduction measure, but were only doing it to jolly Roosewelt along.

They are not and never have been anxious to stir up enmity among the Senators of their party, and it is more than protable that they have given Roosevelt

ences nor follow up any further insist-

Believed He Could Throw Light on Shinnecock Case.

NO MARKS OF VIOLENCE

Body of Miss Lawrence, Buried Yesterday, Revealed None.

SHE WAS REPORTED MISSING

The Important Witness Was Said to Have Been Lost Sight of, but His Father Says He Will be Produced and that Developments May be

Expected.

NEW YORK, June 16 .- Thomas A. Disbrow, father 'of Louis A. Disbrow, the Long Island, authorities say can throw light on the mystery surrounding the drowning of Sarah Lawrence and Clarence Foster, is credited to-night with knowing the whereabouts of Louis, and with being ready to produce him alive if necessary. The Press to-morrow will "Since 6 o'clock this (Monday) even-

ing I have received information which ustifies me in making the statement that there will be important developments in the case within twenty-four hours." Bright lights illuminated the Disbrow

cottage to-night. The atmosphere of gloom and despondency which surrounded verything on Sunday had disappeared. WAS REPORTED TO BE MISSING. NEW YORK, June 16 .- Louis Disbrow,

good portion of the mystery which surounds the drowning of Miss Sarah Lawrence and Clarence Foster, in Shinnecock Bay, has not been heard from. The girl was buried to-day at River Head, L. I ... and an examination of the body before it was placed in the grave did not reveal any marks of violence. Coroner Nugent and District Attorney

Smith, of Suffolk county, decided to-day, after a conference, to take up the case Wednesday at Good Ground, L. I. They will examine several people and then de cide as to what further steps to take to discover if the drowning was other, than accidental.

Thomas Disbrow, of Richmond Hill. 4. I., father of Louis Disbrow, was asked to-day whether he thought it was his son that jumped from the Brooklyn bridge yesterday. Mr. Disbrow said that the description given of the man who com-mitted suicide answered in some respects-to that of his son, but that he knew of no reason why he should have desired to end his life. It was possible, he thought, that his son's mind had become unbal-anced on account of the notoriety brought upon him by his connection with the tragedy at Good Ground.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST.

Commencement exercises of High School held last night; fine address by Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans.
Great downpour of rain throughout the State yesterday; small streams rose rapidly.
Captain Lamb and Mr. Wallace met in

A mail carrier nearly drowned in Fluvanna in crossing a swollen stream.
The Cape Henry Railroad enjoined from using locomotives at Virginia Beach.
A man drowned in the slip at Newport

the Cubun fee bootty bill.
Secretary 1. of assumes full responsibility for payment of money to Gomez by General Wood.

Mr. Bryan says it is too early yet to discuss issues for the next campaign, but suggests imperialism and the currency assection.

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